

Amendment to the Claims

1. (Amended) A swabbing tool for wells, the swabbing tool comprising:
a mandrel;
at least one swab cup on the mandrel, the mandrel and swab cup being arranged to allow fluids to pass from below to above the swab cup; ~~and~~
a sifter attached to the swabbing tool below the swab cup for filtering particulates from fluid passing from below to above the swab cup; and
a sealing element attached to the sifter to force fluid into the sifter.
2. (Original) The swabbing tool of claim 1 in which the sifter is barrel shaped.
3. (Original) The swabbing tool of claim 2 in which the sifter extends axially downhole from below the mandrel.
4. (Original) The swabbing tool of claim 3 in which the sifter comprises plural openings and the openings are oriented for lateral flow of fluid through the openings.
5. (Original) The swabbing tool of claim 3 in which the sifter is slotted to provide the sifter with a sifting function.
6. (Cancelled).

7. (Amended) The swabbing tool of claim 1 6 in which the sifter has an interior and the sealing element is dimensioned to seal against a casing or tubing wall and force fluid into the sifter.

8. (Original) The swabbing tool of claim 1 in which the sifter has plural openings for sifting particulates from fluid passing through the sifter, and the openings in the sifter are slots.

9. (Original) The swabbing tool of claim 8 in which the openings have a size between 0.125 mm and 0.635 mm.

10. (Original) The swabbing tool of claim 8 in which the sifter has plural openings for sifting particulates from fluid flowing through the sifter, the openings being oriented to permit lateral flow of fluid through the openings.